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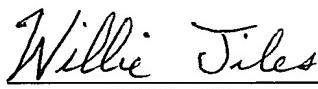
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Response Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the Application as follows.